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# TECH NEWS



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NO. 27

## Vote for Adoption of Pin

Student Body Indicates Its Preference—  
Council will Act Soon—Other Matters  
Discussed.

The recent activity of the council is shown by a long list of discussions of matters relating to the welfare of the school. Most important of the recent work is the vote taken just previous to the Easter vacation to secure the sentiment of the school on the recognition pin discussion. Four questions were put to the students, and the results can best be shown by tabulating the vote as follows:

Is the adoption of a Tech recognition pin desirable?

Yes, 420; No, 8.

If such a pin should be adopted should it be (1) a badge recognizable by strangers? Vote 149.

(2) An emblem likely to be recognized by Tech men only? Vote 269.

For its material, do you prefer Gold Plate? 113. Sterling Silver? 140. Enamel, in Tech colors? 178.

Would you prefer that the pin should be of the average size of the samples, about  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch in diameter? (277), or larger? (11), or smaller? (138).

The results show that there is little doubt about the desire for a recognition pin. It would be interesting to know what valid reason, if they have any, the eight men advance who voted against a pin. The large majority are in favor of a pin for recognition only, while the choice of material is fairly well split. It is doubtful whether the enamel pin would have been preferred to either gold or silver, alone, as there is much less choice between a metal surface pin and one in enamel. The prevailing size of the samples was preferred to one larger or smaller, though many deemed a still more modest pin to be better.

Having the sentiment of the school thus expressed in figures, the council can discuss the situation more intelligently and it is to be hoped that a definite style of  
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## TAU BETA PI ELECTIONS

### Ten Juniors Are Honored

At a meeting of the Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Pi Fraternity last Wednesday ten Juniors were elected to membership as a recognition of their high scholarship and general popularity. These honored men are W. B. Scott, Chemist, of Providence, R. I.; R. W. Young, Civil, of Norwich, Ct.; H. N. Eaton, Civil, of Auburn, Mass.; C. T. Hubbard, Civil, of Fitchburg, Mass.; C. L. Storms, Civil, of Norwich, Ct.; H. Nutt, Mechanic, of Worcester; A. Nutt, Mechanic, of Worcester; S. T. Swallow, Mechanic, of Gardner, Mass.; H. A. Blair, Electric, of Whitinsville, Mass.; and R. M. Thackeray, Electric, of Fall River, Mass.

## Details of Gym Plans

After much fantastical moving of the proposed gymnasium building all around the Hill from Park Avenue to West Street and Institute Road the exact location may now be stated with authority. The structure, which will face the south, is to be placed about 250 feet from West Street, along the proposed roadway running from a point in front of the foundry down to Alumni Field. Access to the northern entrance will be by means of another proposed street running parallel to West. As regards the building itself a brief description may be of interest to the students.

As many know, the gym is to be three stories in height with a basement, and is to be built of red brick, with limestone trimmings.

In the basement will be the rifle ranges, large enough for 6 guns at one time and with a total length of 75 feet; a pistol range with a depth of 35 feet, and four bowling alleys.

The first or ground floor will contain a 32 by 20 trophy room, with the Athletic Association office nearby. On the same level the temporary Y. M. C. A. headquarters will be situated as well as game and reading rooms. Here also are the two spacious locker rooms—one for the home teams and the other one for the visitors—with their separate shower baths and accompanying necessities.

The gym proper is to be on the  
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## RE-ENTRY MATCH FOR RIFLE MEN "Non-Team Members" Cup Offered in Rifle Competition

Now that the intercollegiate rifle season is closed, the rifle club proposes to conduct a re-entry match for the benefit of the club members who were not on the team. The match is open to all such members, and a silver trophy and prizes of ammunition have been offered. The conditions have been posted on the bulletin board.

The match is especially adapted to the club members who have not shot at all, as all contestants may shoot as many scores as they wish and only the three highest will count. The date limits, April 15 to May 5, giving the new men plenty of chance to improve, and since the varsity men are barred, all have a fair chance for the silver cup.

## M. A. C. Meet

Saturday, April 17th, will mark the opening of Tech's Track Season. At this time Alumni Field will be the scene of the first inter-collegiate track meet ever held on our own field. M. A. C. is reported to have had some fast material out in their preliminary tryouts so a close contest is expected.

Things haven't broken any too well for the track men but Coach O'Connor has given the men some pretty stiff workouts, especially the latter part of last week when the new track was used. The inclement weather worked the greatest hardship on the hurdlers and jumpers for the field has not been in any kind of shape for them. Still we can safely leave it to "Charlie" to turn out a team we can be justly proud of.

## SIGMA XI ELECTIONS

The following were recently elected to the Worcester Tech Chapter of the honorary society of Sigma Xi: James A. Bullard, of the faculty; P. W. Burgess, Hyde Park; D. F. Miner, Worcester; from the graduate students, and the seniors, R. H. Crippen, Scranton, Pa.; H. H. King, Shushan, N. Y.; G. W. Smith, Jr., Newport, R. I.; F. Forsberg, Worcester; F. H. Haggood, Athol; H. B. Stewart, Chelmsford; G. W. Plaisted, Worcester; C. B. Hurd, New Britain, Ct.; R. M. Johnson, Worcester; U. J. Sebourveau, Barre, Vt.; D. G. Rogers, Worcester; J. W. Legg, Worcester; R. D. Hawkins, Springfield; R. H. Russell, Holyoke; M. S. Hazleton, Nashua, N. H.; C. D. Haigis, Shelbourne Falls; C. C. Whipple, Purchase, N. Y.

## TECH BANQUET

The annual Tech Banquet is to be held Wednesday evening, April 14, at the State Mutual Restaurant. The principal speaker of the evening will be Paul Withington, graduate manager of athletics at Harvard, who will give an illustrated talk on "Outdoor Sports."

Prof. Walter P. Jennings will preside. Other speeches will be made by the Hon. James Logan, representing the Trustees, Prof. G. H. Haynes, for the Faculty, "Bob" Russell, president of the senior class, for the student body, and President Ira N. Hollis for the Institute.

## NEWS ON WEDNESDAY

Next week's issue of the News will not be out until Wednesday, because of the holiday on the 19th.

## Many Colleges Represented

Tech Will Be Honored By Delegates From Every Part of the Country.

Replies to the 50th Anniversary invitations from every part of New England indicate that we will be honored by representatives from nearly every college or university in the New England States. The following list of those which have accepted the invitation sent out by the committee leaves Norwich, University of Maine, and Colby as the only doubtful ones; Bowdoin, Bates, New Hampshire State, Dartmouth, University of Vermont, M. I. T., Harvard, Tufts, Williams, Amherst, M. A. C., Boston University, Simmons, Holy Cross, Clark College, Clark University, Brown, Rhode Island State, Wesleyan, Trinity, and Yale. The M. A. C. delegate will be Prof. Fred W. Morse, a Tech graduate of '87.

Not only are the colleges of New England to be well represented, but institutions of learning from all parts of the country have appointed delegates. Leland Stanford University, situated on the Pa-  
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## BASEBALL OPENS

### Team Meets R. I. State

On Saturday the baseball team will journey to Kingston to meet R. I. State College in the first game of the year. Rhode Island is a new name on the baseball schedule and her strength is an unknown quantity.

Little fear, however, is felt by those who know. During the last week the final cut has been made and the remaining squad has developed at a wonderful rate. Those surviving the cut are: Stone, Gaucher and Atkinson, catchers; Daniels, Luce, Tomblin, Smith, Green and Fenn, pitchers; Dunbar and Moore, first basemen; Gleason, Sheehan, Greene, Cassavant, Bragdon, Coderre and Hancock, other infielders; and Wheeler, Wellington, Camp, Lemay, Moulton and Stickney, outfielders. Which of these men will appear in the lineup Saturday could not, at the time of our going to press, be decided.

## CALENDAR

TUESDAY—5 P. M. Meeting of Editorial Staff, News Building.

5 P. M. Orchestra Rehearsal.

8 P. M. Meeting of Chem. Club, Salisbury Lab.

WEDNESDAY—5 P. M. Mandolin Club Practice.

7 P. M. Tech Banquet, State Mutual Restaurant.

THURSDAY—FRIDAY—5 P. M. Mandolin Club Practice.

SATURDAY—Baseball. W. P. I. vs. R. I. State at Kingston.

Track meet, W. P. I. vs. M. A. C. on Alumni Field.

SUNDAY—4 to 6 P. M. President and Mrs. Hollis entertain.

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## Editorials

*This issue of the "News" has  
been in charge of Department  
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From all quarters of the globe, so to  
speak, the interest in our coming fiftieth  
anniversary increases. The article in  
this issue will be a surprise to a number of  
readers, who never realized how far-reach-  
ing Tech's influence and teachings were  
felt and appreciated. But when a college  
sends its representative over one-half  
the way around the world to such a cele-  
bration, our doubts should be dispelled,  
and there is bound to be instilled in our  
own minds a feeling of greater loyalty to  
our Alma Mater.

With track and baseball going at full  
blast comes again the urgent need of suit-  
able shower baths for the athletes. The  
ONE now in use in the basement of Boyn-  
ton Hall is certainly overtaxed, as regards  
capacity, for generally a "bath line" must  
be formed to give everyone his chance.  
Isn't there some means by which this  
condition of affairs can be temporarily  
bettered, until the opening of our new  
gymnasium?

Before the end of this week, providing  
the weather continues fair, the baseball  
and track teams will be given their first  
regular try-out. As far as the former is  
concerned, no rowdy methods or disgusting  
favoritism has been shown, as was the  
usual case in years past, but each and

every man holds the Coach and Captain  
in the highest regard. With such a uni-  
versal feeling in the squad, the student  
body wishes the team a prosperous season  
from commencement to "Commence-  
ment."

We feel that the track team with the  
same coach in charge will line up to their  
regular standard set in years gone by.  
At the M. A. C. meet next Saturday  
the student body will get their first im-  
pression of the team, and it is expected  
that several "dark horses" will be found  
in the point column, men who will count  
in every contest this Spring.

The Y. M. C. A.'s appeal for the stu-  
dent's support appearing in this week's  
NEWS should receive the careful thought  
of every man. We all know the grand  
work which Secretary Pierrell and his  
cabinet have accomplished; we should also  
realize that such work cannot be continued  
without aid from the students. No more  
is asked of any fellow than he feels like  
giving and your mite will be appreciated  
as much as that of the fellow giving many  
times your own amount. When solicitors  
come around to see you in the next few  
days, make it a special point to "go your  
limit" in assisting the Association clear  
away the deficit it incurred for our sake.

Everyone who has been near the old  
baseball diamond this last week has prob-  
ably heard the kind of talk which a  
"gang" of outsiders has imposed upon  
them. These fellows, living in the vicini-  
ty of Tech, and having nothing to do  
afternoons, congregate on Bliss Field to  
practise and play ball. So far everything  
is satisfactory, for the authorities are  
perfectly willing that they use the unoccu-  
pied diamond, but once they commence  
their game they start a continual round of  
obscene and disgusting language in far-  
carrying voices. Were they out in the  
country no one would object, but here in  
close proximity to houses where the  
players might be accidentally mistaken  
for Tech men, a very bad impression of  
our school may be found. Would it be  
asking too much of the authorities that  
they endeavor to suppress this nuisance?

### CONGRATULATIONS

Few are the rewards at Tech which fall  
to the deserving student during his under-  
graduate days; the several scholarships  
do not begin to reach all who deserve them  
and the number of honorary societies is  
not large. For these reasons if for no  
others, those who received, this last  
week, the invitation to join Tau Beta Pi  
should feel that they have been signally  
honored thereby. It is no small task to  
hammer one's way through two and one  
half's year work at this Institute, and all  
the time to keep one's colors a little  
higher than the average. It means hard  
work continually, often denying oneself  
most of those few events of social life  
which are intended to break the monotony  
of "grinding." Some of those honored  
have not attempted deeds beyond the  
class-room while others have made their  
presence felt in divers ways. To the  
latter the general feeling has been that  
they have received more from their  
college life. Whether or not this is so  
is hardly for us to say, but the fact does  
remain that "there is honor enough for  
all!" Once again, we say "Congratulations,  
fellows!"

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### THE PROPOSED POINT SYSTEM

As stated elsewhere in this issue, the  
"point system" of regulating Tech activi-  
ties has been considered by the Council,  
which has already held two or three dis-  
cussions on the matter. To make clear  
just what this system is and how it works  
out, it may be well to discuss it briefly  
in these columns. According to the sys-  
tem at M. I. T., a student cannot carry  
more than ten "points" of activities at one  
time, and each office is given a rating of  
a certain number of points. The more  
important offices, as class president or  
editor-in-chief of the "Tech" or the "Tech-  
nique," are rated at ten points each, and  
others have ratings ranging from this  
down to one. Thus a student can hold  
but one important office at a time.

The advantages of this system are two  
in number. Each activity will receive the  
individual attention of the student at its  
head while he, not being overworked  
with others, can still maintain his stand-  
ing in his studies. A second advantage  
lies in the necessity, under such a system,  
of the participation of more students in  
activities, which will benefit the students  
themselves.

If such a system should be adopted at  
Worcester, great care must be taken as  
to the limits set on the amount of work.  
In almost every case a student who takes  
on any large amount of outside work is  
one who is capable also of maintaining a  
good scholastic record, and there is a  
question whether such a system as pro-  
posed would not directly lower the stand-  
ard of the activities by preventing the  
participation to the full possible extent  
of the most competent. Certainly in our  
smaller school the conditions in force at  
our sister engineering school could not  
be applied, and whether any reason-  
able and satisfactory regulations could be  
adapted is a question for public discussion.

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## DETAIL OF GYM PLANS.

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second floor and is of ample size, taking up a space of 124' by 60'. The director's office is adjacent to the gym surface, as well as to the two squash courts which have been provided. These courts run up through the third floor and are of sufficient size to satisfy all those who are inclined toward this form of exercise and recreation. For the purpose of making the gymnasium floor a suitable place for banquets the architects have provided a kitchen for the accommodation of caterers, etc.

The twenty lap track will be above the gymnasium on the third floor, with rooms at one side of it for fencing and boxing.

In order that there should be no doubt as to the durability of the building, the engineers in charge have changed the original plans in order to make the basement and first floors of fire-proof material throughout, thus doing away with all danger from this direction. Above the first floor the "slow burning" form of construction will be employed entirely.

Although a suitable place has been set aside for a swimming tank no description of it can be obtained at this time, but there is hardly any doubt but that when the new building is completed this highly desirable accessory will be found within it.

## TECH NEWS MEETING

## Editorial Staff Elections for Next Year

A week from tomorrow afternoon, on Wednesday, April 20, at 5 P. M. the annual election of the News editorial staff for the coming year will take place. This date is somewhat earlier than customary but has been brought about to allow the retiring Editor-in-chief more time during his last weeks at the Institute.

## SUBSCRIPTION AND MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

There is probably no other organization on the hill which has such a wide field for work and service as the Y. M. C. A. It has become an indispensable factor in the student life at Tech and has the hearty approval and support of the faculty. For years at this time of the year an annual canvass of the student body and faculty has been made for the support of the work done by the Association on the hill. The FINANCE Committee is hard at work making arrangements for this campaign. They aim to raise \$500 and obtain 100 new members in the student body and faculty for the more extensive work planned for the year 1915-16. Elsewhere in this issue will be found the treasurer's report for the year 1914-15. In next week's issue of the NEWS there will be published a tentative budget showing what the committee has planned for the year 1915-16. Please be prepared to do your little part toward assisting this valuable organization.

## ENGINEERS ORGANIZE

## Worcester Branch of A. S. M. E.

## Robinson Speaks At Joint Meeting

Last Thursday evening some hundred and fifty engineers of Worcester met at the Bancroft for the purpose of instituting a Worcester Branch of the A. S. M. E. After a banquet, Ex-mayor Logan called the meeting to order and introduced President Hollis as the founder of the Boston Branch of the A. S. M. E. and the originator of the plan for the establishment of a similar organization in Worcester. President Hollis spoke briefly stating that the purpose of the Branch would be to benefit the engineers in their profession by occasional informal meetings and to further the welfare of the City of Worcester. He suggested that a committee of five be elected to attend to all arrangements for meetings. This committee was elected with Prof. H. P. Fairfield as one member. Secretary Rice of the A. S. M. E. brought the greetings of the parent society and Ex-mayor Logan made a short speech saying that there was one more purpose of the Branch which Dr. Hollis omitted, that being "the bringing together the business men of Worcester and the students of that fine Institution on the Hill, Worcester Tech."

Mr. R. H. M. Robinson, of the Lake Torpedo Boat Co., was then introduced as the speaker of the evening. Numerous Tech men were in the balcony and Mr. Robinson's talk on submarines was highly appreciated.

## DEPARTMENT NOTES

Professor H. B. Smith recently received an interesting pamphlet from Mr. Mark Eldridge '06, describing the Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Company's new plant near Bombay, India. The latter is in the employ of the General Electric Co., who have charge of the installation of the high tension transformers and switchgear of the plant.

The Senior Electricians are to make an inspection trip to Schenectady, the power plant of the General Electric Company and the electrified portion of the New Haven Railroad at New York. The trip will be made sometime about the middle of May.

Construction work on a new 600,000 volt transformer for the E. E. department is nearly finished and Mr. Prouty who has charge of this work will soon begin a series of tests on it.

Avery Smith, Class of 1908, recently visited the chemical laboratories. Mr. Smith is assistant to the general acid superintendent, Du Pont Powder Co., Washburn, Wisconsin.

Franklin C. Gurley, Class of 1914, has accepted a position with the Benzol Products Company of New York as assistant chemist. This concern is a subsidiary of the General Chemical Co. of New York. During the past year Mr. Gurley was engaged in Organic Research Work at the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst.

## CHEM CLUB

Dr. J. W. M. Bunker, an instructor at Harvard University associated with Prof. George C. Whipple in the Laboratory of Sanitary Engineering, will speak before the Chemical Club Tuesday April 13, 1915, at 8 P. M. on "Micro-organisms in Water and Sewage." Dr. Bunker is an authority in this line and is said to be a very interesting speaker. All interested are welcomed to attend.

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## COLLEGE NOTES

The M. I. T. show "Getting A-Cross" is nearly ready for production. The show is a musical comedy with dancing specialties, strongly featured. It has a cast of sixteen and a large chorus.

Dr. John R. Mott, general secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation recently told the students of Trinity of the European war as he saw it. He stated that he does not consider that the coming of war is a breakdown of Christianity.

The Junior Musks and Sophomore Owls of the University of Maine are working up a minstrel show. The proceeds will be given to the Athletic Association.

New Hampshire State College students are selling tags for the purpose of building bleachers.

Teachers of all New Hampshire public schools will be granted free tuition at the Dartmouth summer session according to a decision recently made by the Dartmouth trustees.

The constitutionality of the Mississippi anti-fraternity law is being tested by attorneys of the University of Mississippi. J. P. Waugh, a member of Kappa Sigma, is seeking to enjoin the University from enforcing the law.

On March 20th the students of the Georgia School of Technology gave their annual show, "Electricity."

On April 1st the freshmen of The Rhode Island State College held a big bonfire and burned their caps. The students' council allowed this because the sophomore put no football team in the field.

In one of the Western Universities a society has been formed the purpose of which is to cultivate a beard.

Ex-President Taft recently spent three days at Dartmouth lecturing on "The Presidency," "Popular Government," and "The Supreme Court."

At Syracuse University meetings are being held at which the students and faculty roll bandage for the American Ambulance Hospital in Paris.

A Chinese student, Ping Yok Loo, has recently been elected captain of the M. I. T. hockey team. Loo is from Tientsin, China, and prepared for college at Springfield Technical High, where he was an honor student. Another Chinese honor student from Springfield Tech is coming to Worcester in the fall, if nothing prevents his return from Shanghai, where he has recently gone to spend a few months with his native people.

Dr. C. G. Derick, '06, Professor of Chemistry, University of Illinois, recently delivered two addresses at the State University of Iowa. The first was "The Teacher in Research." The second was upon the study of valence through ionization and dealt largely with Professor Derick's own work.

Worcester Tech, last Friday, was under the critical eyes of 15 young ladies from the Westboro High School, who were here on an inspection trip.

It is rumored that Dartmouth may become a co-educational school.

Dartmouth is planning to provide an ambulance for the Red Cross work in Europe.

W. I. Brown, commissioner of labor for Kansas, says that college students are the most efficient and dependable harvest hands. He said, "We correspond with about thirty colleges each spring. The

boys come in bunches and work intelligently. When they finish in one locality they telegraph to headquarters asking where to go next."

The State Supreme Court of Michigan has passed a statute forbidding the sale of liquor to undergraduates in the university town. This statute forbids the sale of liquor to any student in attendance at any private institution of learning in the state.

Union College has made a course in swimming a part of the gymnasium requirements.

## TRACK

Contrary to his general custom, Coach O'Connor had his men out last Saturday afternoon. Owing to the short time before the M. A. C. meet it was deemed advisable to get the men out for a stiff afternoon's work on the new field. Charlie seemed to be pretty well satisfied with the showing the men made. The following men look to hold down berths in their respective events.

100 yd. Dash	Cleveland, Knowlton
220 yd. Dash	Cleveland, Ricker
440 yd. Dash	Ricker, Warren
880 yd. run	Powers, Russell, Quimby
Mile run	Gerald, Brackett, Quimby
2 mile run	Gerald, Francis
Hurdles	Taylor, Schmidt
High jump	Schmidt, Palmer, Hazelton
Broad jump	Schmidt, Callahan, King
Pole vault	Everett, Gorman
Discus	Ingalls, Steele, Chandler
Hammer	Merriam, Chandler
Shot Put	Banan, Howard

As can be seen from the above list the third man in several of the events has not been decided on, since there were more than one who were doing about the same work. These places will be definitely fixed by the middle of the week, in all probability. Practice is being held every afternoon on Alumni Field although the track is not in the best of condition. Much work is being done, however, to put it in shape for the 17th.

Poli's vaudeville will be opened by Tom Carson, the cowboy contortionist. Next are Hartigan and Powers, two Worcester boys, in a singing and dancing specialty. Charles Thompson in a comedy juggler. In "Liz" there are four people and the sketch not only furnishes a true picture of life, but it furnishes many a laugh as well. Walter Weems is known as "Sir Walter, earl of Virginian black face comedians." The Flying Campbells number five and their work takes place in mid-air. Saunders and Von Kuntz are variety performers and Le Verne and Allyn are entertainers unusual. The feature act will be "The Fall of Antwerp," the greatest mechanical full-stage device ever conceived.

On Thursday there will be a complete change of program with such well known Worcesterites as Freddie Barrett and Elnor McCann, Kit Carson and Jack Courtney. Others are Baldwin, Braxton and Carter; McManus and Don Carlos; Godfrey and Henderson; Armut Brothers; Walter Nealon and company; Carrol and Hickey; and Wood's animal pantomime. The feature picture is "The Stoning," a terrific story from the Edison studio. There will be three other photo-plays.

The doors will open at 1 and 7, and the performance will start, for this week only, at 1.15 and 7.15. The same scale of prices will prevail.

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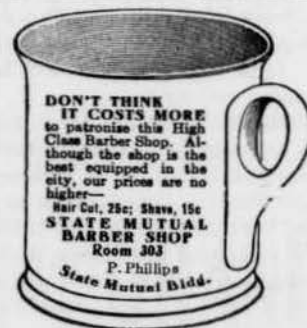
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**VOTE FOR ADOPTION OF PIN**

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pin will be adopted soon. The Council will not necessarily vote on the minor questions according to the result of the school's vote, but it is reasonable to assume that it will vote to adopt a pin, and adopt one for recognition only, not for advertising purposes.

In regard to a conflict in dates for various meetings and activities, President Hollis has notified the Council that the office will take care of such troubles, beginning next year. Upon notification of a proposed meeting and the approximate date, record will be made in the office and all other organizations who signify an intention of using approximately the same date will be advised to use some other time, and thus negotiations for speakers, entertainments, and so on, can be carried out without fear that before a definite date is fixed some other party will have the same date. While organizations will probably not be required to report their intended activities, it will be to the advantage of all concerned that they do so.

Other matters that have been discussed at Council meetings are related to student activities, their regulation, and the possible changing of certain customs. Foremost in the proposed change of custom is in regard to the term of office for class officers. It has been suggested that officers be elected to hold office for a year instead of a half year. Under the present system, the Council is disorganized every half year due to the election of new class presidents, and this started the discussion. It is also argued, however, that such a change would benefit the class organization itself.

The "point system" of regulating student activities has also been talked over. By this system no student would be allowed to carry more than a certain amount of outside work to interfere with his studies, each office such as class president, athletic managers, and so forth, being given a certain number of points, and a maximum number set which any student may carry. The plan has the advantage that no student is overcrowded with outside work while there is in addition a wider participation in school activities. On the other hand, there may be students capable of doing good work for a number of activities and also in the class room, and by excluding these the standard of activities may be made lower than is necessary. Such a system is now in effect at M. I. T.

Another change suggested is that a student shall not be allowed to hold the same office twice. That is, if he is elected class president or secretary freshman year, he could not hold the same office again. The final elections of senior year, however, would be thrown open to every student. A "model constitution" has been proposed to be drawn up by the council for the guidance of the new classes in framing their constitutions.

All these proposed changes which have been suggested in the Council should be discussed freely among the students, in order that some opinion from the student body may be had if the Council deems it wise to take action on any of them. The Council is just closing its first year of existence, but already its power for good is felt, and so far it has successfully accomplished its object to regulate and promote Tech activities in every possible way.

**MANY COLLEGES TO BE  
REPRESENTED**

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cific coast, has appointed Prof. Stephen I. Miller, who is this year at Harvard University. Many other Western colleges too far from Worcester to send delegates have appointed graduates in this part of the country or professors who are studying now in the East to represent them at Tech next June. Just a few institutions which will have delegates present are Kansas Agricultural College, Grinnell College and Penn. College, in Iowa, South Dakota State College, University of Wyoming, University of Missouri, University of Pennsylvania, University of Michigan, Rice Institute, at Houston, Tex., Rose Polytech, Rensselaer Polytech, and Stevens Institute of Technology. The College of Hawaii will send all the way from Honolulu as a delegate Prof. Frank T. Dillingham, W. P. I., '01. Many other colleges will be represented, and the entire assemblage will make an august body the like of which Worcester has seldom seen.

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF Y. M. C. A.**

Apr. 1, 1914 to Mar. 31, 1915

The following is a brief report, for the past year, of the finances of W. P. I. Y. M. C. A.

**Receipts.**

Balance 1913-14	\$ 75.36
Subscription Canvass	321.27
New Students	44.00
Donation	100.00
Profit on Calendars	159.42
Pool Table	30.31

**\$730.36****Expenditures**

Administration	\$424.28
Service and Education	209.73
Campus Work	96.35

**\$730.36**

Assets	\$88.93
Liabilities	\$168.43
Net Deficit	\$79.50

Due to many causes,—increased expenditures, special outlays and failure to raise the aimed-for pledges, the Y. M. C. A. starts the new year with a deficit. But next year several items, such as furniture will be eliminated and the deficit can be easily cleared. Plans are now under way for a vigorous financial canvass of the student body and faculty, shortly, in which it is hoped that a record-breaking amount will be pledged. The Y. M. C. A. has just completed a year of the best kind of service and looks forward to the next year to be more successful than ever.

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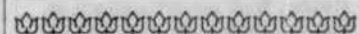
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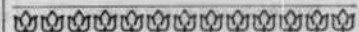
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Roy, we must admit, has not been one of the shining lights up to his senior year; but he has certainly done enough this year to make up for lost time. He has worked as conscientiously and effectively for his Alma Mater as any man in his class and the result of his efforts have been manifested in many places.

**ROY CLEMENT BOWKER**

It is not only the seniors who have come to know "Bowk" personally; but practically all of the underclassmen must have met him in at least one of his capacities, (chiefly that of getting money for some one of the student enterprises—and the added feature is, that he has been successful in his attempts).

At the Northfield Conference last June, "Bowk" first showed up in the limelight and he has kept on the firing line ever since.

In the early fall when a band was needed for our big football game, "Bowk" was the man to take it onto his own initiative and hire the Worcester band—getting his recompense back again by a personal solitance of the student body. Then during the football season we hear of him again as being "advance agent and overseer" of getting out the big crowd of rooters and hiring the special car for the Rhode Island game. Both of these accomplishments proved to be successful innovations and "Bowk" was duly congratulated for his initiative.

It did not take the athletic council long to appreciate the ability of this man; and when they saw that their system of collecting athletic dues was not working out favorably, they appointed Bowker as one of the efficient committee of three who

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were so successful in making a personal canvass of the entire student body. "Bowk" again showed his initiative when it was suggested that better care be taken of the bulletin board in Boynton Hall, by arranging for a definite system, together with the aid of another senior, and seeing to it that it was carried out. The improvement thus made is evident to all, without further comment.

Next, when the new faculty rules were enforced, making the scholarship standard for athletes more stringent, a committee was needed to aid in helping the men down in their studies, and it was Roy who was asked to serve in the capacity of chairman of that committee, and this he did. The Y. M. C. A. have also made use of his services as he has been a faithful member of their Cabinet this year.

As President of the Musical Association "Bowk" has seen the society through a successful season both financially and socially, he being one of the head ones responsible for the making of the Annual Tech-Clark Concert such a success. As a Junior, Bowker also served this association as a valuable member of the Glee Club.

Oh, yes, Tech Night at Poli's. After the News had been urging such an event for several weeks and nobody seemed ready to take responsibility for the carrying out the work, "Bowk" again came forth with his initiative and personally carried that big event through with flying colors. That it was a success in all ways was the unanimous opinion of the 400-odd men who went.

To show his popularity among his classmates we need only to state the honor they conferred upon him by electing him as their permanent class secretary, the most important office of the senior class elections. In this capacity there is no doubt but that he will serve his class as faithfully as he has done in the past.

Added to all these duties, "Bowk" is known to the seniors also as the capable business manager of the "Aftermath"; in the carrying out of which office he has been in personal touch with practically every man of his class.

"Bowk's" latest achievement has been his election to the office of chairman of the Tech Banquet Committee, and through his guidance there has been arranged one of the best, if not the best, Tech Banquet ever held.

That "Bowk" has business ability is readily proven by the many financial successes that he has carried out this year for his college. He has been "the ready man for the job" to fill in the capacities where a man was needed right away to act. It is also safe to say that "Bowk" has done as much this year to foster the true Tech spirit as any other man on the hill and for that alone he is deserving of a considerable amount of credit. He has worked unceasingly and faithfully and has put forth his very best efforts for the best interests of his class and Alma Mater, and is well deserving of all the honor conferred upon him. His hosts of friends are many and we congratulate him for being a true Tech man from the word go.

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